

REMARKS

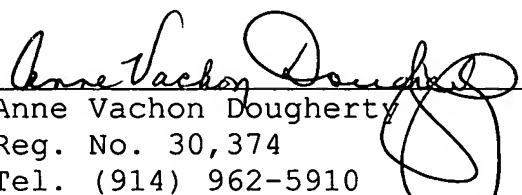
Claims 1-18 were pending in the application.

The Examiner has rejected Claim 18 under 35 USC 101 and under 35 USC 112 as being indefinite. By this amendment, Applicants have cancelled Claim 18 from further consideration in this application. Applicants are not conceding in this application that the canceled claim is not patentable over the art cited by the Examiner, as the present claim cancellation is only for facilitating expeditious prosecution of the allowable subject matter noted by the examiner. Applicants respectfully reserve the right to pursue these and other claims in one or more continuations and/or divisional patent applications.

Based on the foregoing amendments and remarks, Applicants respectfully request entry of the amendment and issuance of the allowed claims.

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